

Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund Update

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Greetings from Communications Director

Dear Extension Agents:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Kara Keeton and I am the new Communications Director for the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

I welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can improve our communications with you, county councils, and the agricultural community at-large. Do you have questions or topics you would like to have addressed in upcoming editions of *The Commonwealth Grows* newsletter? Is there other information that we could provide to help in your support of your county's Agricultural Development Council? Do you have

suggestions on how to best get program information out to the general public?

It is a unique opportunity we have to tell the story of this historical investment in Kentucky agriculture. People throughout the Commonwealth should be made aware of the dedication to this program, from the county and state financial investments, to the volunteer commitment of individuals throughout the state. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months, as we embark on this new adventure together.

-Kara Keeton

Director of Communications

New Staff Assignments at the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

Kara Keeton has switched positions, effective October 1, to become Director of Communications. She will relinquish her Project Analyst duties for the Lake Cumberland Area. **Stephen Yates** will be the area contact for the Lake Cumberland Area, until we are able to hire a new Project Analyst.

Rhodes Johnston has resigned his position with us to pursue other interest. We appreciate Rhodes' contribution to our work over the past 20 months, especially his work on the *Long-term Plan for Agricultural Development*. We wish him well in his other pursuits.

Other area contact changes include:

<i>Wilderness Trail:</i>	<i>Penny Cline</i>
<i>Licking River:</i>	<i>Jeff Harper</i>

Model program management responsibilities have also shifted. New assignments for **Model Program Managers** are as follows:

<i>Cattle Genetics:</i>	<i>Chauncey Morris</i>
<i>Cattle Handling:</i>	<i>Bill McCloskey</i>
<i>Goat Diversification:</i>	<i>Angela Utterback</i>
<i>Forage Improvement:</i>	<i>Steve Yates</i>
<i>Ag. Diversification:</i>	<i>Joel Neaveill</i>

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 11—Board Project
Review (Frankfort)

Oct. 18—Board Meeting,
10:00 a.m. KY History
Center (Frankfort)

County Council Member Updates

If you have not done so, please submit your additions and deletions to your county's council through the on-line form available at

[http://www.uky.edu/
Agriculture/AgPrograms/](http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/AgPrograms/)

This system sends the same information to both UK and our office, so that we all have consistent up-to-date information.

Phase II Update

On October 1, the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation (KTSTC) delivered the 2002 payment registers for the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust to each Farm Service Agency and Cooperative Extension office across the Commonwealth.

The payment register is for all crop years and is sorted by farm serial number. The crop year 2001 basic quota owners include applications post-marked by the September 16 deadline. If an individual or entity sent in their application after this date, then they need to call 1-877-549-2537 to ensure that their application has

been received.

Individuals scheduled to receive payments for the land and labor components, "Growing Farm" and "Grower/Tenant" respectively, are listed on the payment register for their production activity in the years 1998, 1999, and 2000.

This year Kentucky's estimated share of the Trust is \$130 million, which is the largest distribution to date since the inception of the Trust. On November 15, 2002 the National Trustee will inform KTSTC of the exact amount available for this year's distribution.

Model Program Update

Amendment to the Agricultural Diversification Program

At the September ADB meeting, cost-share for scrapies testing was added as an eligible item under the *Sheep* portion of the program. Additionally, cost-share purchases of ewes and rams must be scrapies resistant.

To view the amendment, visit the web link listed in the "GOAP Website Updates" section.

Event Announcement

Agriculture Diversity Conference

WHEN: October 26, 2002

WHERE: Lindsey Wilson College,
Roberta D. Cramner
Dining Center

TIME: Registration 9:00 a.m. CST

For more information contact:

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David Herbst at (270)384-2317

GOAP Website Updates

Calendar updated:

<http://www.kyagpolicy.com/calendar.shtml>

Agricultural Development Board meeting details page updated:

<http://www.kyagpolicy.com/board/meetings.shtml>

Agricultural Diversification—Amendment #4:

http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/documents/diversification_amend4_020920.shtml

Counties with Model Programs Lists updated:

http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/funded_model_programs.shtml

Staff List updated:

<http://www.kyagpolicy.com/staff.shtml>

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